

# AHLESA

### Adventist Health, Lifestyle, & Environmental Study of Argentina



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### **OBJECTIVES**



To determine associations between Healthy Lifestyle and Diet Index (IDEVS) scores and prevalence of non-communicable diseases and their risk factors.

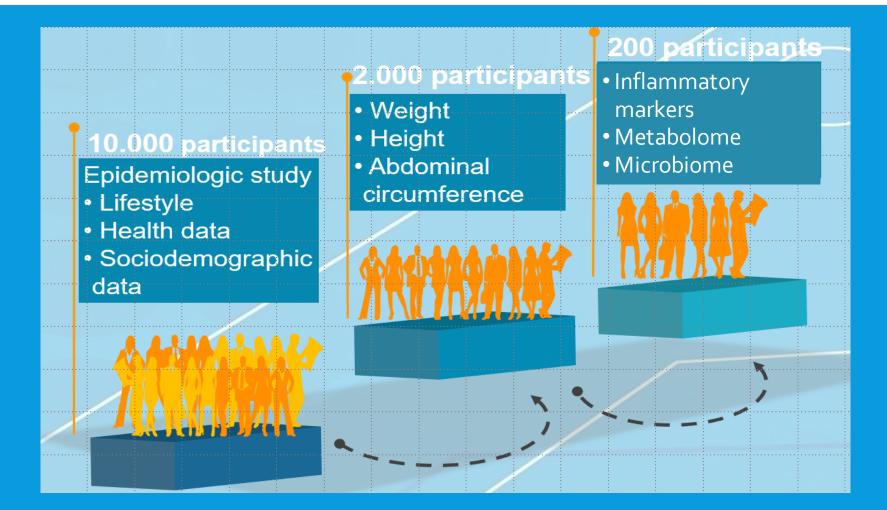


To determine associations between the serum metabolomes and gut microbiota profiles with IDEVS scores, inflammatory biomarkers, and cardiometabolic risk factors.



To compare the environmental and economic impacts of the food choices of groups based on their adherence to a healthy diet-lifestyle.

### **STUDY DESIGN**



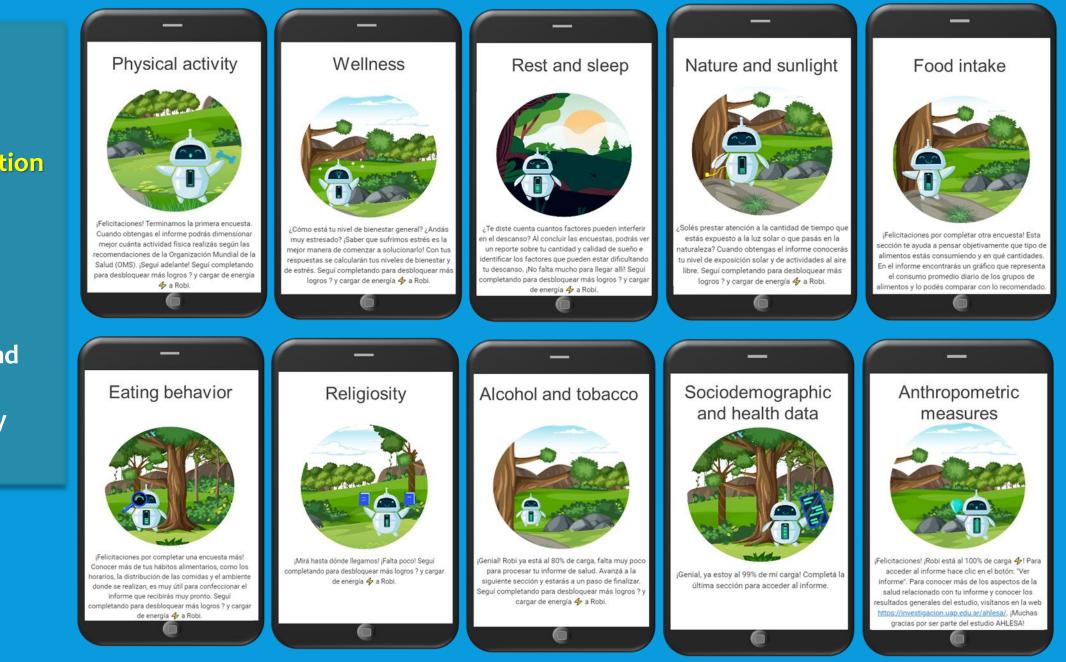
### **MAR24 for Dietary Assessment**

24-hr diet recalls, food composition database

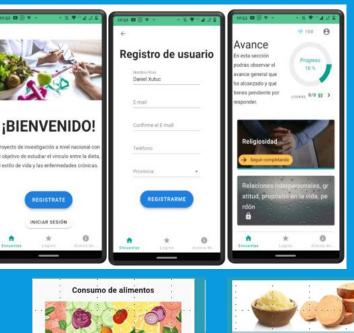


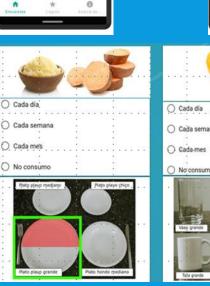
#### SURVEY RESEARCH

A mobile application for lifestyle assessment, selfreported anthropometric measures, sociodemographics and health history, & food frequency questionnaire



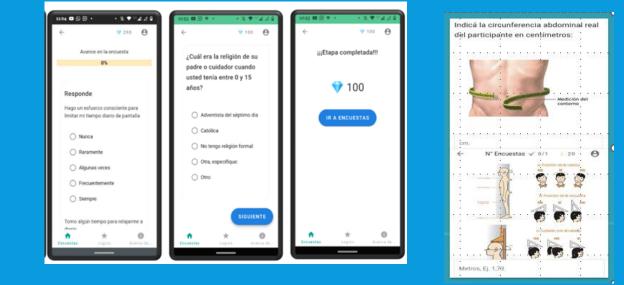
#### Survey Research app screenshots











#### App is used to:

- collect data
- generate personalized suggestions to improve health-related lifestyle habits right after completion of survey

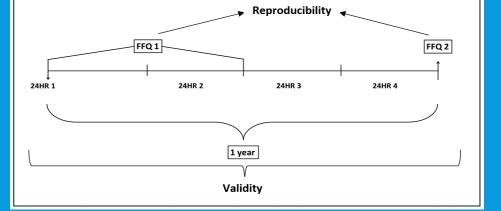
#### Food Frequency Questionnaire Validation (manuscript to be submitted soon)

Electronic food frequency questionnaire (eFFQ), a section in the Survey Research app, was tested for its reproducibility and validated against multiple 24-hr recalls (collected via MAR24) for its estimates of the following nutrients:

Energy & water	Macronutrients Carbohydrates
Minerals Calcium Iron Magnesium Phosphorus Potassium Sodium Zinc Copper Manganese Selenium	Dietary Fiber Total sugars Total protein Animal protein Plant protein Total fat SFA MUFA PUFA LA 18:2n-6 ALA 18:3n-3 EPA 20:5n-3 DPA 22:5n-3 DHA 22:6n-3
	Cholesterol

#### Vitamins Thiamin Riboflavin Niacin Pantothenic acid Pyridoxine Folic acid Choline Vitamin B12 Vitamin C Vitamin A Retinol Vitamin E Vitamin D Vitamin M

Bioactivesβ-caroteneα-caroteneβ –cryptoxanthinLycopeneLutein+zeaxanthinEthanolTheobromineCaffeine



**Objective**: Validate the ability of the eFFQ to estimate nutrient intake of adults from the 6 main regions of Argentina using multiple 24-hr dietary recalls (24HR) as the standard.

**Sample size**: 163 adults from 6 regions of Argentina

#### Recruitment Efforts to Reach 10,000 Participants

Dedicated website for AHLESA

#### Visit to the 6 Argentinian conferences during ministerial meetings Feb 2023





Nutrition Talk Shows by our team members for Women's Ministries live via YouTube

#### A 1.5-min promotional video on Yoube



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#### Sociodemographic Profile of AHLESA Participants (N=2,508)

CHARACTERISTIC	n	%
Gender		
Male	784	31.3
Female	1724	68.7
<b>Age,</b> years		
18-34	1333	53.1
35-50	678	27.0
51-60	312	12.4
> 60	185	7.4
Educational Level		
Some elementary school	18	0.7
Elem school graduate	61	2.4
Some High School	139	5.5
High School graduate	1039	41.4
Some College	527	21.0
College / University graduate	569	22.7
Post-graduate	155	6.2

CHARACTERISTIC	n	%
Civil Status		
Single	1138	45.4
Married	1006	40.1
Unmarried couple	151	6.0
Divorced	165	6.5
Widower	48	1.9
Occupation		
Employed	1445	57.6
Retired / Pensioner	200	8.0
Unemployed / At home	262	10.4
Student	601	24.0
Regions of the country		
Buenos Aires	401	16.0
Center	1291	51.5
Northeast	278	11.1
Northwest	138	5.5
Cuyo Region	144	5.7
South	256	10.2

## What Still Need to be Done

10.000 participants
Epidemiologic study
Lifestyle
Health data
Sociodemographic data

- Continue
   recruitment
   until goal is
   reached
- Develop the Healthy Lifestyle and Diet Index (IDEVS).

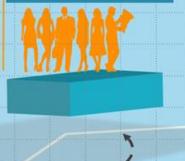
2.000 participants

- Weight
- Height
   Abdominal circumference



 Hold clinics to collect anthropometric measures on a subgroup of ~2000 participants.

 Select 200 participants from this subgroup for the metabolome and microbiome study 200 participants • Inflammatory markers • Metabolome • Microbiome



 Collect blood and fecal samples from 200 participants that meet the criteria for the metabolome and microbiome study.

Analyze blood samples for inflammatory markers



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